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Title: METHOD OF TREATING SPUTTERING Docket No. 21295
TARGET TO REDUCE BURN-IN TIME
AND SPUTTERING TARGET THEREOF
AND APPARATUS THEREOF

REPLY AND AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action issued March 3, 2008. The Examiner set a three-month period for response. A petition and authorization for a two-month extension of time is attached, making this Reply and Amendment due on or before August 3, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims appear on Page 3 of this paper.

Remarks appear on Page 5 of this paper.